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***Presents***

***Treating Juvenile Defendants as Adults:  
A Discussion with Legal Experts***

***Featuring***

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**February 26, 2008, 6-8 p.m.  
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Reception to Follow**

The American Bar Association recently passed policy urging the authorization and implementation of sentencing laws that recognize that sentences for juveniles should be less punitive than those for adults and should acknowledge the mitigating considerations of the offender's youthful status. The policy also recommends that youth should be eligible for parole or early release at a reasonable point in their sentence.

Attached, please find the official policy and its accompanying report.